

Docket No.: 057454-0998



PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re Application of                                                        | : | Customer Number: 20277    |
| Ken TAKACHI                                                                 | : | Confirmation Number: 4143 |
| Application No.: 10/781,618                                                 | : | Group Art Unit: 3767      |
| Filed: February 20, 2004                                                    | : | Examiner: Michael Hayes   |
| For: MECHANICAL LOCKING MECHANISM AND INJECTOR HEAD EMPLOYING THE MECHANISM |   |                           |

**STATUS INQUIRY**

Mail Stop Status Inquiry  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on February 20, 2004. Since more than two years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before April 28, 2004 in the above-assigned group art unit should have received an action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Becker".

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